वैकल्पिक माडलों पर राष्ट्रीय कृषि और ग्रामीण विकास बैंक (नाबार्ड)। भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (आर.बी.आई.) के परामर्श से विचार किया गया है। संसद सदस्यों और आर.आर.बी. कर्मचारियों के संघों इत्यादि ने भी अपने विचार व्यक्त किये हैं। वित्त मंत्री ने विभिन्न राजनीतिक दलों के संसद सदस्यों की राय जानने के लिये दिनांक 7-10-93 को उनके साथ एक बैठक आयोजित की थी। उनके द्वारा दिये गये सुझावों की सरकार सक्रिय रूप से जांच कर रही है। तथापि, अब तक इस संबंध में कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया गया है।

Issuing of Blank Travellers Cheques by the SBI in violation of banking

436. SHRI G. G. SWELL.
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that blank travellers cheques worth over Rs. 15 lakh dollars in foreign currency were issued by the New Delhi Main Branch of State Bank of India to the attache (Finance) of the Libyan People's Bureau in Delhi;

(b) if so whether issuance of such blank travellers cheques by the State Bank of India is in violation of the banking norms/rules; and

(c) what are the implications involved and what are the reasons for issuing blank travellers cheques?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHHMED): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Review of State Financial Corporation Act

437. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that following certain serious impliations by lowing certain serious implications by the State Financial Corporation and Small Industrial Developmental Corporation Government propose to make a Comprehensive review of the State Financial Corporation Act;

(b) if so what are the areas having serious implications to follow the policy initiative by the State Financial Corporation and Small Industrial Development Corporation; and

(c) what changes are proposed to be made in the Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHHMED): (a) to (c) The State Financial Corporation Act, 1951 has been in operation for over four decades. With the changing environment State Financial Corporation (SFCs) need to reorient their outlook, business-mix and ability to raise resources for their expanding operations. Some weak SFCs also need restructuring and strengthening of their management/organisation. The Government has recently set up a Committee under the chairmanship of Chairman and Managing Director of the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) to undertake a review of the SFCs Act.

Rise in the Quantum of External aid

438. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL.
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the amount of external aid has risen from 1990-91 to 1992-93;